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TAGS: SREF, GW

SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

REFS: (A) STATE 240076; (B) BONN 20589 (1975)

1. EMBOFF CALLED ON LEGAL DIVISION OF FONOFF (KOEPKE) FOR GENERAL REPORT ON STATUS OF FRG RECEPTION OF INDO-CHINESE REFUGEES AND DISCUSSION OF BOAT CASES. ACCORDING TO KOEPKE, ABOUT 800 VISAS HAVE BEEN ISSUED OF WHICH BETWEEN 500 AND 600 HAVE ALREADY BEEN USED TO SETTLE IN THE FRG. THUS, AT LEAST 200 VISA NUMBERS REMAIN FROM THE ORIGINAL QUOTA OF 1,000, WHICH THE FRG IS WILLING TO USE WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION FOR BOAT CASES, ACCORDING TO KOEPKE.

2. KOEPKE INDICATED THAT THE FRG CONSIDERS MOOT ANY  
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QUESTION OF ACCEPTING MORE THAN THE 1,000 REFUGEES

PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO (REF B) AS LONG AS THAT QUOTA  
REMAINS UNFILLED. ANY INCREASE IN THIS QUOTA WOULD HAVE  
TO BE AGREED TO BY THE LAENDER. KOEPKE NOTED THAT THE  
FRG'S RESETTLEMENT CAPABILITIES WERE ALREADY STRAINED  
BY PROCESSING 4000 GERMANIC "SETTLERS" PER  
MONTH FROM EE AND THE USSR, AS WELL AS NUMEROUS REFUGEES  
FROM LEBANON, CHILE, ARGENTINA AND ELSEWHERE. KOEPKE  
MADE THE PERSONAL OBSERVATION THAT THE INDUSTRIOUSNESS,  
HONESTY, SKILL, AND WILLINGNESS TO WORK EVINCED BY THE  
INDOCHINESE ALREADY IN THE FRG HAS MADE A FAVORABLE  
IMPRESSION.

3. COMMENT: WE DID NOT RAISE QUESTION OF REGIONAL  
PROCESSING CENTERS (REF A), BUT IN LIGHT OF THIS AND  
PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS, FRG ATTITUDE IS LIKELY TO BE FAVOR-  
ABLE. FRG OBVIOUSLY SHARES US'S DEEP  
HUMANITARIAN CONCERN FOR PLIGHT OF REFUGEES. GIVEN ITS  
HEAVY COMMITMENT TO ONGOING RESETTLEMENT EFFORTS, HOW-  
EVER, FRG WILL GIVE PRIORITY TO THEM. WE EXPECT IT TO  
SUPPORT ATTEMPTS TO PUT INDOCHINESE RESETTLEMENT  
PROBLEMS ON A BROAD INTERNATIONAL BASIS, TO ACCEPT  
200 MORE REFUGEES, AND TO KEEP FURTHER DIRECT FRG  
INVOLVEMENT TO A MINIMUM.

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